

THE CASE OF THE BUTCHERS SELLING IN THE PUBLIC MARKETS.

To the City of Montreal :

The butchers doing business in the public markets of this city would respectfully present their case to the favorable consideration of the City of Montreal, and would urge:—

That the time has arrived when the policy of the city should be defined between the public markets and private butchers' stalls, in order that the butchers may, with some degree of certainty, continue their business in the public markets. Owing to the conflict of interests between them and those who sell in private stalls, the butchers have been for a long time past losing money, and if the conflict continue it will be impossible for the former to continue in business and insolvency will be certain, and a large class of citizens who have contributed in common with other classes to the welfare of the city will be reduced to ruin.

The butchers, in presenting their case to the city, have every regard to their own self-respect, as citizens. They only desire a fair and candid hearing from their fellow-citizens, placed by the suffrages of the rate-payers in the Municipal Government of this city, simply requesting that if their branch of industry can be placed on a sound, equitable footing, based on principles by which a fair profit may be made, both by the city and them, they are certain that in the